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UNITED STATES BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAMES REPORT	Controversial name	Recommended name
	Name change	Sierra Blanca
	XX Changed application	State New Mexico
	Other	County Otero & Lincoln

See Description

Lat. _____ " N, Long. _____ " W, Mouth End Center (Circle one)
 Lat. _____ " N, Long. _____ " W, Heading End (Circle one)

Description of feature: where appropriate, give shape, length, width, direction of flow or trend, direction and distance of extremities from points with established names, and section, township, range, meridian where useful, also elevation if known.

Sierra Blanca is a sub-range of the Sacramento Mountains. Beginning at a northern point labelled Northern Coordinate, 33°33'57"N., 105°45'53" W., at approximately the 2438 meter (8000ft) contour level; thence east and south to Mills Peak, 33°25'57"N., 105°41'28"W., and labelled East Coordinate; thence south and west to a saddle, 33°16'00"N., 105°45'47"W., and labelled South Coordinate; thence north-northwest along the 2438 meter (8000ft) contour level which forms an area known as The Rinconada; thence southwest to include the feature known as Black Mountain; thence generally north, parallel to the extended boundary of the Lincoln Nat. For. to a top on Barber Ridge, 33°27'00"N., 105°52'28"W., labelled West Coordinate; thence north and northeast along the 8000' contour to the point of beginning.

Published Maps Using Recommended Name (Map name, date, agency, & scale)	Variant Name or Application	Map or Source Using Variant (Map name, date, agency, & scale)
Lincoln National Forest, 1974 USGS, 1" = 1 mile	Application	Mescalero, 1950 USGS, 1:62 500
Sierra Blanca Peak, 1950 USGS, 1:62 500	"	Roswell, 1955 USGS, 1:250 000
		(Carrizozo Project)

Available information as to origin, spelling, and meaning of the recommended name and/or statement concerning nature of difference in usage or application:

All maps showing the name apply it differently depending on their scale. Local usage applies the name in general to the high country as described above. The name should be retained despite its large area. If necessary, the area covered could be reduced in size to the high country in Sierra Blanca Peak, Nogal Peak, Church Mountain and the southwest one-quarter of the Capitan SW quads.

Church Mountain (Church Mountain) Est. Pub. Date 1981
 Nogal Peak (Nogal Peak) Est. Pub. Date 1981
 Sierra Blanca Peak (Sierra Blanca Peak) Est. Pub. Date 1981
 Golondrina Draw (Golondrina Draw) Est. Pub. Date 1981

On Lincoln National Forest Map

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